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TO Chief of Station, Lincoln

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FROM Chief, WH

SUBJECT { GENERAL Miscellaneous
SPECIFIC Jorge PALMIERI, (Personal Representative of President ARBENZ)

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1. A KUBARK staff employee recently informed this office that he had been in contact for approximately one year with Jorge PALMIERI of the Guatemalan Embassy in Washington D. C. The staff employee has been under ODACID cover and passed himself off as such when in contact with PALMIERI, while PALMIERI represented himself as "G-2", and more recently stated that he is "President Arbenz' personal eye in this country."

2. Their discussions, according to the employee, have covered a wide variety of subjects, including present strained relations between the U.S. and Guatemala, Guatemala's problems on the part of the U. S. , the United Fruit Company and its policies in Guatemala, the insulting treatment to which Guatemala is subjected by the U. S. press, etc.

3. The employee stated that he believes subject has served for approximately two years as an unofficial representative and is not accredited to the U.S. Subject travels to Guatemala by air every month or six weeks to report personally to Arbenz and it is understood that he was to depart on another such trip about 10 February.

4. A name check on Jorge PALMIERI reveals the following:
TMM-A-1139 dated 27 April 1951
Jorge PALMIERI was reported to be a secretary (as of November 1950) connected with the Guatemalan Embassy in Mexico.

TGG-1362 dated 6 December 1951

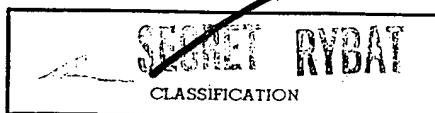
On 28 October 1951, Manuel CATALA, Guatemalan (possibly Manuel CATALA Blaner, (Spanish Communist), Dora A. JIMENEZ Diaz, (Cuban), Jorge PALMIERI, (Guatemalan), and Jaime SIEDLER, (Guatemalan), departed for Mexico, D. F. The latter three were not identified by the station.

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A Dora J. ? Diaz, Cuban, was previously reported as entering Guatemala on 16 November 1951 with Eufemio FERNANDEZ.

TMM-2859 dated 22 August 1952

Jorge PALMIERI, accompanied by Mrs. SIMMONS, (sister of President Arbenz,) and Col. WEYMAN, (Guatemalan Military Attache in Washington,) arrived in Mexico City from Guatemala en route to Washington. PALMIERI stated to source that he was previously stationed in Washington and "really was G-2 for the Guatemalan Government in the U. S.". He further stated that he had 11 men in Washington and a total of 52 throughout the U. S. He also stated that the Guatemalan government was going to increase its tourist information bureau in the U. S. from \$50,000 to \$500,000. This bureau would be under the direction of fnu APARICIO. The purpose of this organization was to improve relations between the U. S. and Guatemala.

PALMIERI further stated that the Guatemalan government is on excellent terms with the New York Times, which has viewed with approval the socialization of Guatemala. He said, also, that Drew Pearson "can be bought" and although Pearson criticizes the Guatemalan government from time to time, this is merely part of a plan.

PALMIERI also mentioned that he had been requested to return to Guatemala to aid in the organization of the Partido Revolucionario Guatemalteco (PRG) and that he was its secretary of propaganda. He said ARBENZ was fully aware of the Communist influence in Guatemala and that at the present time the 8 most influential members of the Communist Party are being followed, and that ARBENZ can dispose of them at any time.

The source of this report stated that during their acquaintance while in Mexico, PALMIERI had furnished him numerous confidential letters and copies of official Guatemalan messages in code as well as plain text. The source said the PALMIERI would be easy to develop, and believed if the right person were designated to handle PALMIERI while in Washington, he would make available Guatemalan intelligence information.

5. It was noted on the Hqs. copy of last dispatch that no action was taken in regard to the sources suggestions in accordance with a later discussion between the Chief of Mission Mexico and persons at Hqs. It is believed that the reason for this decision dealt with the sensitivity of this source who was a casual informant and his relationship with KUBARK.

6. Hqs. is attempting to acquire additional biographic information on PALMIERI from other sources.

7. For your information, the staff employee has been instructed by the appropriate office to discontinue his relationship with subject.

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